

CITY OF EDGEWOOD
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2006
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers of the Edgewood City Building. The following council members were present: Bill Grady, Scott Guenther, Jeff Schreiver, Mark Steffen, Dale Henson, Ray Spears and Nancy Atkinson. Also in attendance were City Administrator Roger Rolfes, City Attorney Frank Wichmann and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Link acknowledged Boy Scout Ian Vanlierop with Troop 236 who was in attendance working towards a citizenship and community merit badge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Spears made a **motion** to adopt the February 6, 2006 minutes as written; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

DIXIE FIX STUDY – Keith Logsdon, NKAPC, updated council on the Dixie Fix report and presented a map that showed the problem areas along Dixie Highway in Edgewood. The areas are Dudley Road, Summit Drive, and entrances to Fifth Third Bank, Subway, Edgewood Road, Thornton's, Water District, K-Mart and Huntington Bank. Mr. Logsdon asked council to list their preferred top five areas to be corrected. Council's response was:

1. Dudley realignment and right turn lane on n/b Dixie at Dudley
2. Summit right turn
3. Right in right out at 5/3 Bank and Subway (Edgewood Rd)
4. Thornton's - delete the change leave it at the north
5. Edgewood Road

Mr. Logsdon will give council's recommendations to the Dixie Fix Committee.

Ordinance 2006-02-02 Sexually oriented business zone change – 1st reading – Mr. Wichmann advised that there have been some concern regarding the validity of the various regulations regarding the sexually oriented business zone and our zoning ordinance. The Kenton County Attorney's Office recommends that this ordinance be adopted verbatim by all cities in Kenton County. NKAPC will vote on it March 2nd. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE EDGEWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE IN REGARD TO SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES.

Ordinance 2006-02-03 Amending sign regulations – 1st reading – Mr. Wichmann advised that this deals with judicial decisions in regards to the first amendment. Our zoning text has regulations on signs and is probably about 20 years old and there have been a number of judicial decisions protecting language on signs. There have been several suits filed recently contesting the validity of sign regulations in the zoning ordinances. The City of Crescent Springs retained an attorney who drafted this ordinance and it will be voted on by NKAPC on March 2, 2006. It was suggested that Edgewood adopt the ordinance. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE EDGEWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE IN REGARD TO SIGNS.

Surplus Vehicle – Mr. Rolfes explained that the NKU Athletic Department has been attempting to obtain a vehicle for recruitment purposes and asked council if they would consider donating a Crown Victoria police cruiser that will be coming off the fleet line this year in exchange for several sports mini-camps to be put on by NKU for the Recreation Department. Mr. Henson, Mr. Spears and Mrs. Atkinson said they were in favor of it. Mr. Grady said he wasn't against it but didn't think it is an even trade. Mr. Guenther said he was in favor of it as long as the city can get something of reasonable value in return. Mr. Steffen made a **motion** to donate a Crown Victoria cruiser to the NKU Athletic Department in exchange for several sports mini-camps; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Use of miscellaneous project funds – Mr. Rolfes asked council for authorization to spend the \$40,000 that was designated in General Services CIP for miscellaneous special projects to purchase window treatments, council room PA

system, compact refrigerator for council chambers, and landscaping for the new building. There is about \$40,000 left in contingency, the project is under budget and the cost of the building is now under \$6,000,000. Mr. Henson made a **motion** to authorize the request to spend the \$40,000 that was designated in General Services CIP for miscellaneous special projects to purchase window treatments, council room PA system, compact refrigerator for council chambers, and landscaping for the new building; second by Mr. Steffen. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

City Flag – Mr. Rolfes suggested that the city establish a city flag using the lapel pin logo that was recently designed. The suggested flag would be white with the logo on it. Mr. Schreiber stated that he didn't like the white flag; he changed the background to green to match the tree and felt that it made the logo stand out. Mr. Guenther stated that he is not happy with the slogan "where everyday is a walk in the park" but didn't have any other suggestion. Mr. Schreiber stated that a committee worked hard in creating the slogan. Mrs. Atkinson felt that the slogan was appropriate. Mr. Grady felt that the white flag would stand out. Mr. Henson made a **motion** to create a city flag using the green background; second by Mr. Schreiber. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Cancel March 6, 2006 council meeting due to the Mayor being out of town – Mr. Grady made a **motion** to cancel the March 6, 2006 council meeting; second by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Schedule special meeting for March 13, 2006 – Mr. Steffen made a **motion** to schedule a special council meeting for March 13, 2006, 6:30 p.m.; second by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Cleaning bid – Mr. Rolfes stated that cleaning bids were received and the low bid was \$17,316 per year. Mr. Rolfes stated the city could hire a part-time employee to clean for approximately \$12,000 a year. Mr. Rolfes asked council if they would like to stay with a contractor or hire an individual. Mr. Henson stated that he is in favor of hiring an individual; his employer has not had good luck with contractors. Mr. Spears stated that with contractors they would always have backup employees in the case of someone being sick or on vacation. He further stated that if the city hires an individual they would have to hire two people in the event of someone being out; he is in favor of the contractor. Mr. Guenther was concerned with employee turnover. Mr. Steffen made a **motion** to accept the low bid received by Riteway Cleaning for \$17,316 for one year with a severability clause in the contract based on non-performance; second by Mr. Guenther. Mr. Henson voted nay. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 1 nay.**

Fire Department Fish Fry starts Friday March 3 and continues every Friday during lent. It will be held at the Senior Center from 5 – 8 p.m.

Mystery Dinner, March 18 at the Senior Center, "Murder at Mardi Gras", cost is \$25 per person, reservations due March 10th.

Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(G) Contracts – Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to enter into executive session per KRS 61.810 (1)(G) to discuss contracts; second by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mr. Spears made a **motion** to return to plenary session; seconded by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Steffen made a **motion** to adjourn at 9:43 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Guenther. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mayor John D. Link

Attest: _____
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk
Date passed: _____